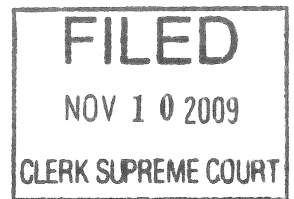


**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF IOWA**



**IN THE MATTER OF COURT  
CLOSURE AND UNPAID  
LEAVE DAYS**

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**SUPERVISORY ORDER**

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On October 7, the State Revenue Estimating Conference announced that state revenues are running 7.1% short of the previous estimate on which the legislature relied to set the state's budget and make appropriations for the current fiscal year, including the appropriation to the judicial branch. In light of this projected revenue shortfall and the obvious need for state government to drastically reduce expenses, the supreme court will reduce the operating expenses of the judicial branch of government for the current fiscal year. In the case of the judicial branch, nearly all of its operating expenses are tied to personnel expenses—the salaries and benefits of judicial officers and court staff. Consequently, in addition to cutting routine expenses such as travel, postage, and supplies, the judicial branch must substantially reduce its personnel expenses. Accordingly, the court orders all judicial officers and court staff to take ten days of unpaid leave during the remainder of the fiscal year on the following days:

- 2009
  - December 4
  - December 24
  - December 31
- 2010
  - January 15
  - February 15
  - March 12
  - March 26
  - April 2
  - May 28
  - June 18

To implement this unpaid leave in an expeditious and efficient manner, the court further orders the closure of all court offices, including clerk of

district court offices and the office of the supreme court clerk, on the days designated for unpaid leave. However, the chief judge of a judicial district may require certain judges and magistrates to be on call or available during court closure days to cover emergency matters, and may authorize those judges and magistrates to take unpaid leave on another day during the same pay period as the court closure day.

In accordance with Iowa Code section 4.1(34) (2009), when the last day for the commencement of an action or proceeding, the filing of a pleading or motion in a pending action or proceeding, or the perfecting of an appeal falls on a day on which the clerk of court is closed pursuant to the authority of the supreme court, the time shall be extended to include the next day that the office of the clerk of court is open.

This action is one part of the court's overall plan for reducing the judicial branch operating expenses for the current fiscal year. The court will announce other expense reduction measures later this week.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009.

THE SUPREME COURT OF IOWA

By Marsha K. Ternus  
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